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Dear Mrs García,

It is my great pleasure to extend to you a very warm welcome as a new Individual Member of Europa Nostra, the Voice of Cultural Heritage in Europe. We are delighted that you have decided to join our large 'family' of hundreds of member and associate organisations and dedicated individuals from all over Europe and beyond.

Thanks to the invaluable commitment of thousands of heritage supporters like yourself, Europa Nostra has grown into the largest civil society network for cultural heritage in Europe. Owing to the trust and constant support of a wide-ranging network of members, partners and supporters — from NGOs, private companies and individuals to public bodies and institutions at all governance levels —, Europa Nostra's voice has more than ever a resounding impact and reach.

Europa Nostra is proud to have played an active and prominent role in the latest policy developments related to cultural heritage at European level, building so many bridges between civil society and EU institutions. Recently, we successfully mobilised to make sure that cultural heritage was- for the first time ever- included among EU's priorities in the EU Strategic Agenda for 2019-2024. While this was for us a significant victory, our advocacy efforts shall not stop there. At a time when Europe is at a crossroads, in view of the newly installed European Commission and Parliament, Europa Nostra will continue working relentlessly to place our shared cultural heritage where it belongs: at the very heart of the European project.

Last period was also crucial in reinforcing and enhancing our long-standing flagship activities. This year, we launched two special prizes for heritage-led innovation and diplomacy under the prestigious <u>European Heritage Awards/ Europa Nostra Awards</u> as a part of the ILUCIDARE project funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Programme. We are also delighted to inform you that, as of 2020, the budget of the <u>7 Most Endangered</u> programme will duplicate, allowing a considerable boost to the scheme. Last but not least, from 27-30 October Europa Nostra hosted the <u>European Cultural Heritage Summit 2019</u> in Paris, which became a topmost cultural heritage *rendez-vous* in Europe.

All these activities and achievements would not have been possible without the vital support, commitment and input of our members. Our vision for the future is very clear: we shall continue to be forceful advocates for cultural and natural heritage, promoting excellence and campaigning to save endangered heritage in Europe and beyond. We are delighted to count on you and your input for these ambitious efforts.

We look forward to welcoming you at our next **European Cultural Heritage Summit** in Brussels on 19-23 June 2020 or at some other activities which Europa Nostra or our members and partners organise across Europe.

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